

## **Indiana Wing Newsletter Summer 2006**

**Wing Commander's Corner** by Col John F. Bryan, CAP, Indiana Wing Commander

Spring is a time of growth or rebirth and Indiana has had one heck of a spring 2006. As most of you know we chartered 4 new groups. These are the first groups Indiana Wing has had in over 20 years. The 4 new group commanders went right to work checking with their squadrons to see what your needs are and then working with the wing staff to meet your needs. The group commanders also went to work trying to develop new units in parts of our state not served by CAP. My original hope was that each group would charter one new squadron this year. This would have meant 4 new units in Indiana Wing. But our group commanders in Indiana are better then I could have ever imagined and they set their sights higher then mine. As of this writing 2 new units have already been chartered; Plymouth Composite and Lutheran High School Cadet Squadrons. In addition 7 more squadrons are under development around the state and should be chartered by the end of the year. To give you an idea of how big of deal this is, between 1990 and 2006 Indiana Wing only chartered 5 new units. When these new units are on line we will have gone from 20 active squadrons to 29 active squadrons in one year, and I bet the group commanders will be adding even more in 2007. As I said before we just chartered Lutheran High School Cadet Squadron. This is Indiana Wing's first school based squadron. It is our hope many more will follow.

In addition to group and squadron development we have seen some big changes in the wing staff. One of the best things to happen to Indiana Wing in the last 5 months is our new logistics team lead by Major Dallas Wilson. Not only have they started meeting the needs of our units in a timelier manner but they have added a level of professional like we have not seen in Indiana Wing in a long time. Indiana Wing was the only wing in GLR this spring to have our mandatory reports to GLLR on time, and in fact we were 15 days early. I am looking forward to our wing's survey audit in August when we can finally show the rest of CAP and the Air Force that Indiana Wing is accountable and can be trusted with the American people's property.

In the area of training we have began a major push to train mission base staff and mission incident commanders. This is our biggest ES training goal. We have also made development of a CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) team a major goal. We will be offering CISM basic course in September at Grissom. My goal is that each squadron sends at least one member to be trained. Major Jamie Griffith has sent all the units info and any questions should be directed to her. We also need more mission observers. If you are over 18 (cadet or senior) and are not a mission pilot you should be a mission observer. Even ground team types should know what is going on above them. Remember aircraft assignment is based in part on the number of mission pilots and observers we have. Speaking of membership, vans are now assigned to wings based on membership. For every 60 members a wing "earns" a vehicle. So recruit, recruit, recruit!

Indiana Wing also welcomed our first glider in over 20 years this spring. The aircraft which came from Ohio Wing is currently assigned to the Central Indiana Group and is housed at Anderson. We are in the process of training glider pilots and tow pilots and hope to have a fully functioning glider program by 2007.

2006 will see the first Indiana Wing sponsored encampment since 1999. The Indiana Wing Fall Encampment will be held the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends in October. Weekends 1 and 3 will be at Camp Atterbury and the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend will be in Muncie Indiana. The second weekend will be another first for Indiana Wing. Our cadets will be working with the Boy Scouts to provide support and aerospace education instruction for a large scout jamboree which is focused on aviation.

Another project that we are working on for next year is Indiana Wing hosting IACE cadets. These are air cadets from other countries who are visiting America. If you or your unit is interested in help please contact Major Richard Griffith.

We have also established a wing cadet staff. This will provide the wing with more people to do the work of the wing headquarters and provide cadets, especially cadet officers a chance to learn staff duties as is required in the CAP cadet program. There are a lot of open positions; interested cadets should contact the Indiana Wing Cadet Commander, C/Lt Col Matt Zmierski.

As we continue down the road of growth both in membership and mission I ask for your help and support. Without you the membership, we could do nothing. Thank you for your service to Civil Air Patrol and the Indiana Wing.

#### **Thunderbirds To Appear In Indiana** by Capt Johnnie Nichols

The USAF Thunderbirds will be performing at the Mt. Comfort Airport in Greenfield, IN from August 26-27 , as well as, in Gary, IN from September 2-4.

Cadets interested in participating in the Thunderbirds Symposium dinner at the Mt. Comfort Airport on August 25, should have their unit commander contact Major Jeff Young, at [jyoung@inwg.cap.gov](mailto:jyoung@inwg.cap.gov) with their information. Cost for cadets is \$10, and senior members \$50.

Indianapolis Senior Squadron and the James Kasler Senior Squadron will be manning a static display during the airshow.

#### **Indiana Wing Web Site Revamped** by Capt Johnnie Nichols

The Indiana Wing web site is at <http://www.inwg.cap.gov>.

#### **GLR Southern Encampment 2006** by Capt Enrique T. Vasquez

GREENVILLE, Ky,-- This summer more than 115 Civil Air Patrol cadets and numerous senior member staff from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Virginia attended this year's 2006 Great Lakes Region Southern Encampment "Basic" at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Southwestern, Kentucky.

The encampment served as the regions basic encampment for new CAP cadets. All CAP cadets are required to attend "Basic" before they can be promoted to Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. "We hope the cadet basics will learn more drill and ceremonies, morale leadership and other CAP skills, when they come down to the encampment. We have cadets leading other cadets and the cadet staff setting the examples and hopefully the cadet basics can

take back what they've learned to their home units," said Maj. Jeff Young, GLR Encampment 2006 Commandant of Cadets.

"Cadets attend first aid classes where they receive a first aid card. In addition, cadets participate in an aerospace class with an actual flight simulator that allows them to see what is inside an aircraft. Aerospace is a big thing in CAP, this being one of the favorite activities at encampment," said Young.

CAP cadets also enjoyed what they learned and experienced at encampment with many undergoing a unique learning experience.

"I had a lot of fun, I learned about airplanes and how they came about and I learned about the history of Civil Air Patrol. I learned about teamwork and communication and getting along with other people," said Cadet Airman Isaac Lengacher, Fort Wayne Composite Squadron, Indiana Wing. Other CAP cadets had this to say;

"I actually thought it was going to be really bad with basic drill and having to get up early but later in the week it got fun and that is always a good thing. My favorite activity was the obstacle course, we climbed over an inclined wall, went through pipes, climbed rope ladders and stuff like that," said Cadet Airman Basic Andy Yates, Weir Cook Cadet Squadron in Indianapolis.

"The senior cadets motivated you and helped you with what you were doing wrong," said Yates.

One CAP cadet related having positive experiences with military and aerospace training. "This was my first encampment, I learned a lot about military bearing and it helped me brush up on my drill, and I learned about aerospace, leadership and teamwork. This is something everyone in CAP should do at least once," said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Daric Fitzwater, Shelbyville Composite Squadron, Indiana Wing.

"My favorite parts of the encampment were the orientation flights where they gave us an opportunity to fly a CAP airplane. The pilot would do the takeoffs and landings but when we were in the air he would let us fly by showing us basically how to follow the line on the navigation system," said Fitzwater.

Another cadet felt it was important to go back and encourage others to attend encampment. "I would like to tell my squadron members back home that the encampment is great and motivate them to come next year and tell them they should come because they will have a great time and love it," said Cadet Basic Airman Matthew Simons, Lexington Composite Squadron, Kentucky Wing.

Senior members also enjoyed working with the young cadets. "Cadets are my passion, I love working with kids, seeing them grow, change and watching them become people, who want to achieve and be somebody," said Capt. Christie Wendlegast, KYANG Composite Squadron.

"CAP gives these cadets a look into what military life is going to be like and at the same time prepares them for military life. The CAP program helps prepare many of our future leaders too, because it builds confidence and it gives the cadets a better grounding for their future endeavors in the military," said Lt. Col. Phillip D. Anderson, USAFR, Wing Reserve Coordinator.

Pictures from the GLR 2006 encampment are on the new GLR summer encampment web site at <http://www.glrse.org/2006.htm>.

## **Weir Cook Cadet Squadron Change of Command** by 1Lt Kimberly Nichols

In a ceremony conducted on June 12, 2006, Major Jamie L. Griffith accepted command of the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron, which is based at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Major Griffith joined CAP as a cadet in 1993. She is a 1996 Cadet Officer School graduate, went to Switzerland on the International Air Cadet Exchange in 1997 and finished three encampments. She was twice cadet commander of the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron, was the 1996 Indiana Wing Cadet of the Year and was the Indiana Wing Cadet Advisory Council chair. She received the Carl A. Spaatz Award (#1329) in 1997.

As a senior member, Major Griffith has held a variety of wing and squadron senior staff positions. She is a former Indiana Wing Director of Cadet Programs and holds senior ratings in Cadet Programs and Moral Leadership. From 2004-2006 she served as the deputy commander of Cadets for the Col Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron at Keesler AFB, Mississippi where she directed a staff of five senior members and supervised a Cadet Program of more than 50 cadets. She currently serves as the Drug Demand Reduction Administrator and Critical Incident Stress Management Training Coordinator for Indiana Wing.

Major Griffith's awards include the Meritorious Service Award with bronze clasp, the Commander's Commendation Award with bronze clasp, the National Commander's Unit Citation and the Grover Loening Award. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Olivet Nazarene University in 1999.

## **July 24-25 Brookville Search and Rescue Mission** compiled from several accounts

At approximately 5:45pm EDT on July 24, 2006, , two pilots reported hearing a distress call. A pilot flying near Kokomo, Indiana, as well as a pilot flying near Cincinnati, Ohio, picked up this call. The distress caller stated that he was having engine trouble somewhere southwest of Brookville Lake.

FAA authorities notified the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center ("AFRCC") in Langley, Virginia of the call. Authorities from the Indiana State Police and the Indiana and Kentucky Wings of Civil Air Patrol began searching the eastern part of the state for any signs of an aircraft.

Two Indiana aircraft were launched from the James Kasler and Indianapolis Senior Squadrons and ground teams from the Shelbyville Composite Squadron and the National Emergency Services Academy were dispatched for the search. An emergency locating transmitter ("ELT") signal was not detected. Search efforts were suspended due to darkness on Tuesday, July 24.

After seeing a TV report about the missing aircraft, an area resident remembered he heard what he thought was a tree falling Monday night. The property owner and a Franklin County Sheriff's deputy found the Cessna aircraft wreckage around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**Ft Wayne Composite Squadron Parents and Awards Night** by Maj Jason Johnson

Fort Wayne Composite Squadron, will be having a parents night/awards ceremony for cadet and senior members and change of command for the cadet commander and squadron commander. It will be held in Maxwell Hall at the 122FW Air National Guard base, Fort Wayne International Airport, 6:45pm on Monday, July 31.

**Glider News** by Capt Johnnie Nichols

The Indiana Wing was recently assigned a Schweizer SGS2-33A glider. This glider will be based at the Anderson Municipal Airport-Darlington Field in Anderson, IN and will be used for CAP cadet glider training and orientation flights for cadets throughout Indiana.

This particular aircraft, tail number N7538, was originally used for glider training at the U. S. Air Force Academy from 1970 until 2003 and was designated the TG-4A in military service. It was assembled from a kit by Air Force Academy staff in February 1970.

The SGS 2-33A is a conventional two-place tandem, basic training sailplane. The SGS 2-33A is manufactured by the Schweizer Aircraft Corporation of Elmira, NY. It has an all-metal airframe, with aluminum covering on the wings and vertical tail.

Major David McEntire will be in charge of the Indiana Wing glider program.

**RiverCity Cadet Squadron Attends Evansville Freedom Festival** by Maj James Tate

Members of the RiverCity Cadet Squadron volunteered their time at the Evansville Freedom Festival 22-25 June 2006. Cadets and Senior members ran the admissions gates for the Static Display and the Balloon Glow at Tri-State Aero FBO during the Festival Weekend. As a result of their work and long hours, some of the cadets were able to complete the requirements for their Community Service Ribbons. They were also able to meet and talk with several of the air show participants including the U.S. Army Golden Knights Skydiving Team, the U.S. Navy's F-18 East Coast Demonstration Team, and the U.S. Air Force's Viper West F-16 Demonstration Team from Hill AFB, Utah. This is the sixth year the RiverCity Cadet Squadron has volunteered its time and service to this annual event. The Static display included such aircraft as a KC-135 Strato-Tanker, an F-16 Falcon, a T-1 Trainer, a T-37, a T-45, an L-39, a MIG-17, and many more. In addition

to their duties at the gates, the cadets had time to talk with other young people about the Civil Air Patrol and passed out quite a few recruiting pamphlets.

**CAP featured on cover on IAHE Informer** by 1Lt Kimberly Nichols

The July/August 2006 edition of the Indiana Association of Home Educators INFORMER magazine features CAP on the cover! Members of Indiana CAP manned an information booth at the annual convention, where they posed for the photo on the cover (C/Amn Keith Craney, Maj Jeff Young, C/2Lt. Daniel Fowl, Capt Russel Geeskie, C/CMSgt Kara Luckner, C/1Lt. David Engel, C/2Lt. Abigail Torkelson). The accompanying article, about homeschoolers active in military style groups, begins with Civil Air Patrol. As mentioned in the article, about one-third of Indiana CAP cadets are homeschoolers, and the cadets quoted in the article did a great job putting CAP's best foot forward in the public spotlight. Thanks to those who took the time to man the booth, speak to the press, and represent CAP with distinction.

**Capt (Senator) David Ford Attends Aerospace Conference** by Capt Johnnie Nichols

On Monday, July 24, Capt (Senator) David Ford of the Indianapolis Senior Squadron (ISS) was a guest panelist at the Access Technology Across Indiana/Indiana Innovation Network Conference on Aerospace and Space Science Technology held at Taylor University in Upland, IN. The conference explored the future of aerospace in Indiana. In addition to being an ISS member, Capt Ford is an Indiana State Senator and chairman of the Economic Development and Technology Committee.

**Indiana School Group Chartered, Lutheran High School is First School Squadron**  
by Maj Richard Griffith

Headquarters, Indiana Schools Group is proud to announce the activation of "Lutheran High School Cadet Squadron" (IN801) at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis. Lutheran High School is hosting the first school unit in Indiana Wing.

The CAP School Program is an outgrowth of the Drug Demand Reduction Program's Middle School Initiative. The program encourages the chartering of new cadet units in middle and high schools. Units have the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities of traditional CAP squadrons with the exception that they are led by school faculty and parents of students and exclusively recruit students enrolled in the school or the associated school system. Although there are more than 70 school units across the United States, IN801 is the only active school unit in Great Lakes Region.

Lutheran High School has already recruited four senior members and expects to start the year with more than 10 cadets in attendance. The unit commander is Mr Steve Lewer. Please take time to welcome our new school unit members as you see them around the wing!

### **CISM Training** by Major Jamie Griffith

Lt. Col. Sherry Jones, Special Advisor to the National Commander for Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) will teach an International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) registered CISM: Group Crisis Intervention course at Grissom ARB September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Group Crisis Intervention course is a pre-requisite to being a member of a CAP Critical Incident Stress Team.

The CISM: Group Crisis Intervention training program is designed to present the core elements of a comprehensive, systematic and multi-component crisis intervention curriculum. The two-day course prepares participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services including pre and post incident crisis education, significant other support services, on-scene support services, crisis intervention for individuals, demobilizations after large-scale traumatic incidents, small group defusings and the group intervention known as Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD). The CISM: Group Crisis Intervention course specifically prepares participants to provide several of these interventions, specifically demobilizations, defusings, and the CISD.

The need for appropriate follow up services and referrals when necessary is also described. Considerable evidence gathered to date strongly supports the multi-component crisis intervention strategy, which is discussed in this course. The CISM: Group Crisis Intervention course is designed to specifically teach crisis intervention and Emergency Mental Health skills such as demobilizations, defusing, and CISD.

At the completion of this course, participants will be able to: Define stress, CIS, and PTSD; List the 10 basic interventions of CISM; and Define and describe in detail the CISM group processes of Demobilizations, Defusings, and Debriefings.

Completion of the CISM: Group Crisis Intervention class and receipt of a certificate indicating full attendance (14 Contact Hours) qualifies as a CORE class in ICISF's Certificate of Specialized Training Program.

To sign up, contact Major Jamie Griffith at [spatz1329@hotmail.com](mailto:spatz1329@hotmail.com).

### **Aerospace Night at Weir Cook** by 1Lt Kimberly Nichols

On June 12, members of Weir Cook Cadet Squadron were visited by the newest member of the Indiana Wing CAP aircraft fleet, a new Cessna 182 with a glass cockpit. The plane was flown to the squadron's meeting so cadets and senior members could get some hands on aerospace education. Indianapolis Senior Squadron commander, Major Gerry Inks, and other squadron members were there to explain the features of the new aircraft and its avionics, and share their knowledge and experience. Thanks to Indianapolis Senior Squadron for bringing the airplane, and sharing their time, enthusiasm, and experience with Weir Cook members, showing how all CAP members by working together can

improve our educational opportunities both within our organization, and to the larger communities we serve.

**Training Leaders of Cadets** by Major Richard Griffith

"Training Leaders of Cadets" (TLC) is being offered the evening of Friday, 11 Aug and all day Saturday 12 Aug 2006. The program is being sponsored by Headquarters, Schools Group and will be held at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis.

TLC is a training program for senior members interested in improving their skills in managing Cadet Programs at the local squadron. The program is required for seniors seeking to complete the senior level in the Cadet Programs specialty track. The curriculum runs for 12 hours and covers topics such as leading indirectly, building a strong senior and cadet team, adolescent development, program management, and managing legal issues. Instruction will contain lecture, discussion and small group work.

Further information is available by emailing Major Griffith, SCH GP/CC, at spaatz1228@hotmail.com or at <http://www.inwg.cap.gov/Wing/Calendar/Training%20Leaders%20of%20Cadets%20Course%20Announcement.pdf>

Registration ends August 7th; the registration fee is \$10 payable at the door. All seniors must have completed Level I of the senior program. Uniform of the Day will be blues or corporate equivalent; no BDUs or flight suits.

**IG Policy Changes** by Lt Col Irwin I. Kleinman, Indiana Wing Inspector General

I have just returned from the Inspector General (IG) College and I have learned that the following changes in the Inspection Program will become effective immediately.

1. Group Inspectors may now call themselves Inspector Generals.
2. All units undergoing a Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) will no later than 5 days prior to the SUI forward to the inspection team leader a full complete staff roster of the unit. This may be via letter, fax, or E-Mail. It becomes part of the inspection package
3. All units will receive their inspection report via registered mail from the IG. As soon as it has been received, a copy will be sent to all units in Indiana Wing. This duplicated on a wing level what is currently done at the national level.

Effective 1 October 2006 all units undergoing an SUI will complete a new full audit of the unit funds. The last audit is not acceptable. This should be coordinated with the wing or group finance officer and will be completed no later than 2 to 20 days prior to the SUI. Again, this duplicates at the wing level what is happening at the National level. The audit may be completed by the unit finance officer, group finance officer, or wing finance officer.

**August 18-20 Seymour SAREX** by Capt Johnnie Nichols



The Search and Rescue Exercise originally scheduled for July 7-9, 2006 has been rescheduled for August 18-20, 2006. Details will be posted on the Indiana Wing Yahoo group.

**Indiana Cadet Service Academy Appointments** by 1Lt Kimberly Nichols

C/Lt Col Adam Cain (IN-002) - US Air Force Academy  
C/Capt Matthew Jadrnak (IN-036) - US Military Academy (West Point)  
C/1Lt Kevin Finster (IN-086) – US Air Force Academy

Congratulations to all!

**Help Wanted** by 1Lt Kimberly Nichols

The Indiana Wing Public Affairs staff is thrilled to announce the appointment of C/2Lt Aaron Redfield from Valparaiso as the Indiana Wing Cadet Public Affairs Officer – and we're still looking for motivated cadets. Do you want experience with media, websites, digital photography, press releases, graphics? Want to be an embedded reporter for the next SAREX? Want experience valuable to employers, college recruiters, scholarship committees, and teachers? Want to show the seniors how its done, get your ideas introduced, get a voice in the wing? Sign up for the Indiana Wing cadet PAO staff! All the great benefits of CAP service, and you receive the same pay as the seniors! If interested, please contact the Indiana Wing Cadet Commander, C/Lt Col Matt Zmierski at [maveric537@aol.com](mailto:maveric537@aol.com) or Capt Johnnie Nichols at [Johnnie.Nichols@dfas.mil](mailto:Johnnie.Nichols@dfas.mil) .

**Indiana Wing Calendar of Events**

For the latest on Indiana Wing Events, please refer to the Indiana Wing web site at <http://www.inwg.cap.gov>

29 JUL	WING STAFF Meeting	GRISSOM
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11-12 AUG	Training Leaders of Cadets	Indianapolis, IN
19-20 AUG	Squadron Leadership School	Bloomington, IN
26-27 AUG	Mount Comfort Airshow	Mt. Comfort, IN
26-27 AUG	12th Wing Honor Guard Practice	GRISSOM

26-27 AUG	Model Rocketry School	GRISSOM
26 AUG	CAC Meeting	GRISSOM
26 AUG	WING STAFF Meeting	GRISSOM
----	SEPTEMBER	-----
2 SEPT	Counter Drug Training	TERRE HAUTE, IN
2-3 SEPT	Ground Team Training	TBD
4 SEPT	LABOR DAY	
9-10 SEP	Coporate Learning Course	Bloomington, IN
16-17 SEPT	Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)	GRISSOM
19 SEPT	Communication Training Class	TBA
23 SEPT	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)	
30 SEPT	CAC Meeting	GRISSOM
30 SEPT	WING STAFF MTG	GRISSOM
----	OCTOBER	-----
1 OCT	UNIT SELF-EVALUATION DUE	
9 OCT	COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY	
14 OCT	Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)	
15 OCT	UNIT FINANCE REPORT DUE	WING FINANCE
19 OCT	Communication Training Class	TBA
27-28 OCT	Unit Commanders Course	Greenwood, IN
28 OCT	CAC Meeting	GRISSOM

28 OCT	WING STAFF MTG	GRISSOM
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